

Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project knows

Parents Can't Wait!

Family Involvement in Early Intervention

Would you like to:

Get more information about
Early Intervention?

Find out about workshops or
skill- building opportunities?

Become more involved and
see the bigger picture?

Massachusetts Early Intervention offers many teaming opportunities for families within the EI system. Having access to up-to-date information is important as you make decisions for your child. Many parents find that as their child grows, they want to become more involved in local, regional and statewide planning and policy decisions within the early childhood system. Becoming involved is an excellent way to pass along the benefits of your experience to other parents.

Parents of children in Early Intervention want to **know, learn, get involved and see the bigger picture.**

Resources

Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project

Toll Free: 1-877-353-EI-PLP (353-4757)

E-Mail: eiplp@yahoo.com

Website: www.eiplp.org

Early Intervention Training Center at the Center for Children & Families Educational Development Center

Phone: 1-617-618-2335

Website: www.eitrainingcenter.org

Family TIES: The Early Intervention Central Directory of EI Programs and other support services including the statewide Parent to Parent Program

Toll-Free: 1-800-905-TIES (905-8437)

Website: www.massfamilyties.org

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Want to Know?

Family TIES: the Massachusetts Early Intervention Central Directory

Call Family TIES regional parent coordinators to locate Early Intervention programs within the state and to find out about available services and supports. Family TIES Parent to Parent Program can connect you to a parent who has a child with similar special needs.

**To contact Family TIES,
call 1-800-905-TIES or
www.massfamilyties.org**

***Parent Perspective* Newsletter**

The *Parent Perspective* is a free newsletter written by and for parents (*who are encouraged to submit articles*). It is distributed statewide six times a year and contains information about the Early Intervention system as well as opportunities for family participation and resources.

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call: 1-877-35-EI-PLP or
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Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project Web Site

Visit the Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project web site for an overview of the Project and the supports available, information on the EI system including family rights, and much, much more.

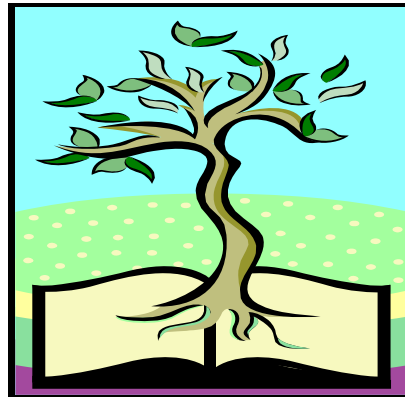
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Want to Learn?

Essential Allies: Families as Advisors

Do you want to know how to encourage families to take on advisory roles in your EI program? Try this collaborative workshop for parents and EI program staff that helps participants identify strategies for including families in advisory roles.

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call: 1-877-353-4757**



Early Intervention Training Center at the Center for Children & Families Educational Development Center

The Training Center offers a variety of opportunities for families within the EI system. Family Involvement enhances parent/professional partnerships and directly impacts the quality of EI services that families receive.

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or www.eitrainingcenter.org**

Want to get involved and see the bigger picture?

Become a Parent Contact for the EI Parent Leadership Project

A Parent Contact is a family member who is currently receiving EI services. This is a key role and a great first step in becoming actively involved in the Massachusetts Early Intervention System.

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Massachusetts Interagency Coordinating Council—ICC

The ICC is a statewide interagency group that advises the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in matters related to Early Intervention.

Ways to get involved on the ICC:

- Attend an ICC meeting (*held 6 times a year in Worcester*)
- Become a regional parent representative. Seven parents are appointed to the Council as regional ICC parent representatives.
- Participate on a committee. The standing committees are: Standards, Program Planning, Personnel Preparation, Fiscal, Membership and Specialty Services.

This is a great opportunity for all families to participate in the continuing development of the Early Intervention System.

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